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FROM : Aleks Kurgvel. 25 July 1958 . No.58-57.
TO : WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, c/o The Immediate Supervisor.
SUBJECT: Request for release of info re my present occupation.

1. I joined the Agency in 1951 because I was asked to
some and help in a specific task for which I had been recom-
mended to the Agency. I accepted the proposal because I felt
that it was my duty to help in the anti-communist struggle in
a field where I had long experience.

I have been with the Agency for nearly 7 years. I have
worked hard, with full dedication, whenever I was given some-
thing to do. I have looked for more work, and I have done
more than asked, although never being encouraged to do so.

I have been outspoken when I saw grave errors being made
by my co-workers or my superiors, because I know that errors
in this work are too costly, that there would be no positive
results of intelligence work if this is not being done with
all possible preciseness, care and consideration. I have been
taught that there is no much help of YES-men, although they
get along better than others. Thus, I have made constructive
proposals when I found this necessary, but I have very seldom
had a word that my proposals had been accepted or reversed,
or at least had been read and considered on due level.

However, I can't deny that I have not had any acknowledge-
ments at all. I am happy that by this my squareness I have
helped to avoid some of the blunders I had seen developing.

Helas, this behavior and seal of mine has not brought me
too many friends, nor good efficiency reports, nor due advance-
ment, which are necessary for reasonable, safe and good-spirited
continuation of work. In addition to this I was informed re-
cently that I shall have no aspects to be admitted into the staff
of the Agency, because my age being too advanced for this al-
ready (53), not to speak of my 58 years when I shall have been
citizen for 5 years. I also was told that the Agency does not
intend to use me as a contract employee in any advanced posi-
tion, with use of more of my abilities than is being done now,
and if this does not satisfy me then I should look for some
other job.

2. In this situation I must try to get employed in a some-
less qualified agency, or in private business, where my situ-
ation would be more secure and promising.

I intend to start with applications for Federal Employment with the Civil Service Commission, having in view the offers for HISTORIAN, option: National Defense; INFORMATION AND EDITORIAL POSITIONS, option: General, and FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPECIALIST.

3. In this connection I hereby request release of information what I could use in following points of the application form 57 or also when applying for jobs in private business:

Point 11: Office phone.

Point 13: All items. (See also point 14B, below).

Point 14B: Am I now a Federal Employee in sense of this question or not?

Point 16(1): All items.

Point 19: Which reasons may I mention for my two trips from Germany to Sweden, which I made on order of the Agency? (In request for visa I mentioned visiting my relatives, and settling family affairs before emigration).

Point 28: YES or NO?

Additionally to point 16: ^{CONTRACT}

As known, I signed my first ~~report~~ with the Agency, and started working according to given orders, on 5 September 1951, with starting pay of 700 DM (Deutsche Mark) per month. My last salary in Germany was \$ 4200.00 per year. I was transferred to Washington, D.C. in February 1953, with my starting salary here 4800.00 dollars per year. My present salary, since October 1957, is \$ 5915 per year.

Should I report this period from 1951 to 1958 under one item, 16 (1), or divided between two items, 16 (1) and (2), according to the change in place of employment, from Munich, Germany, to Washington, D.C.? If reporting separately - what can I mention as reason of change?

It probably would be of some help and advantage to me if I could mention in this job description for 1951-1958 that I have worked on:

- a) oral and written classified translations from Estonian, Russian and German into English, and vice versa;
- b) on classified research work;
- c) as instructor and co-ordinator of faculty on special classified courses during 1953 and 1958.

4. In connection with this period of work with the Agency, may I mention in general terms some work made for the Agency, blending this information into a general list of "Your more important publications" (point 17D), as follows:

- 1. Articles in the Estonian military periodical "SÕDUR" (The Soldier) concerning: the tactics of Signals; and the German military or strategic highways.

In Estonian, before 1939.

- 2. Dissertation or diploma work in the College of War: Development of the National General Net of Communication

- for the Needs of Air Defense. In Estonian, 1932/33
115 pages plus illustrations and charts.
3. Three classified intelligence research reports on secret expansion of the German Armed Forces.
In Estonian, 1937-1939
 4. One classified research report on the Leather-ans Surrogate-, and Foot-wear- Industry of Sov.Union.
In German, 1940/41.
 5. Two classified analyses of military-political and national-psychological situation in Estonia during the German occupation in WW II, - requesting and justifying the restauration of independence of Estonia.
In German, 1943/44.
 6. An appeal to the Estonians in exile, for collection and recording (writing) of facts and memories about the participation of Estonians in WW II, with detailed instructions of what and how to write so that this material could be used for a complete historical work.
In Estonian, 1946.
NB: on advice of Estonian exile politicians this appeal was not published then, because of the then too big influence of Communists in the UNHRA and IRO who administered the life of the refugees. Later, in changed political situation, the draft was used for other similar appeals and instructions.
 7. Classified military-political and strategic analysis of possibilities for anti-communist fight.
In English, 1947/48.
 8. Three classified Area Research reports,
in English, 1951/52.
 9. Nine classified analytical reports on military matters.
In English, 1951-1958
 10. A witness report of the events in GHQ of the Estonian Army in 1940, in connection with Communist take over.
In Estonian, 1957.
NB: A part of this report was published in Estonian State and People in WW II" Volume 3, pp 241, published in by the Estonians in Sweden.

Be it mentioned for your reference, that the items listed in this list under number 8 and 9, cover following my works:

- 8: "NEWS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SOVIET ESTONIA":
 1. District of Saaremaa, 24 pages, 1952 (Aug.)
 2. District of Hiiumaa, 10 " " "
 3. District of Pärnumaa, 27 " " (Sep.)
- 9:
 1. "My Experiences", written in 4 parts, total of 48 pgs.
1951/52.
 2. Reports on my trips to Sweden, with proposals.
Total of 29 pages. 1952.
 3. Reports on my interview with the Source "101"
Total of 20 pgs. 1952.

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4. Proposal on Use of Conventional Codes
(in agent-communications). 3 pgs. Dec.1953.
5. Monthly and weekly ~~xxxxx~~ training schedules
for TU 105, total of 55 pgs.1953,
and 1954
6. "Some Proposals..." , 21 pgs., Aug. 1956.
7. "Ideas and Thoughts after... TU 105" 40 pgs. Oct.1954.
8. Master-, period- and weekly-Schedules for
Hot War Agents' 1-st class. Total 22 pgs. Mar/Aug.
1957.
9. Report on probable errors in E & E system.
2 pgs. June 1957.

5. Please, don't consider this writing as a notice of quitting to work with this Agency. I am aware of the difficulties which I shall have with finding an other job today, after having lost the better opportunities during the last 5 years. Nor do I want to quit, because I still feel that I could be of best use in this field of work. However, I must do this step in light of the advice given me by the officers of this Agency. My search for another job may take months or years, and therefore, if it is still right that I am wanted here, I pledge to go on working with the Agency with full seriousness and responsibility as before, until I shall have a real chance for an other job, and filing then the notice in due order.

Annex: One "Form 57"

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